

## **REMARKS**

[0003] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 1, 2, 4-13, 15-23 and 25-47 are presently pending. Claims 1, 9, 12, 20, 23, 25-27, 32 and 37 are amended herein. Claims 3, 14 and 24 are cancelled herein. No new claims are added herein.

### **Formal Request for an Interview**

[0004] If the Examiner's reply to this communication is anything other than allowance of all pending claims, then I formally request an interview with the Examiner. I encourage the Examiner to call me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—so that we can talk about this matter so as to resolve any outstanding issues quickly and efficiently over the phone.

[0005] Please contact me to schedule a date and time for a telephone interview that is most convenient for both of us. While email works great for me, I welcome your call as well. My contact information may be found on the last page of this response.

### **Claim Amendments**

[0006] Without conceding the propriety of the rejections herein and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant amends claims 1, 9, 12, 20, 23, 25-27, 32 and 37 herein. Applicant amends claims to clarify claimed features. Such amendments are made to expedite prosecution and more quickly identify allowable subject matter. Such amendments are merely intended to clarify the claimed features, and should not be construed as further limiting the claimed

invention in response to the cited references. Support for the amendments is found, at least, on pages 11-18, and figures 6 and 8 of the specification.

## **Substantive Matters**

### **Claim Rejections under § 102**

[0007] The Examiner rejects claims 1-47 under § 102(b). For the reasons set forth below, the Examiner has not shown that the cited reference anticipates the rejected claims.

[0008] Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the § 102(b) rejections be withdrawn and the case be passed along to issuance.

[0009] The Examiner's rejections are based upon the following reference:

- **Baker:** *Baker, et al.*, US Patent No. 5,678,041 (published Oct. 14, 1997).

### **Overview of the Application**

[0010] The Application describes a method to associate a first user with a second user in a first device, and selectively provide information about the association of the first and second user to a second device as directed by the first user, without requiring the second user to be logged in to either the first or second device.

## **Cited References**

**[0011]** The Examiner cites Baker as the reference in the § 102(b) rejections.

### **Baker**

**[0012]** Baker describes a method for selectively controlling database access by providing a system and method that allows a network administrator or manager to restrict specific system users from accessing information from certain public or otherwise uncontrolled databases.

## **Anticipation Rejections**

[0013] Applicant submits that the anticipation rejections are not valid because, for each rejected claim, no single reference discloses each and every element of that rejected claim.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, the elements disclosed in the single reference are not arranged in the manner recited by each rejected claim.<sup>2</sup>

### **Based upon Baker**

[0014] The Examiner rejects claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Baker. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Based on the reasons given below, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of these claims.

### **Independent Claims**

#### **Independent Claim 1**

[0015] Claim 1 is amended to clarify claimed features. Applicant submits that Baker does not anticipate at least the following features as recited in this claim (with emphasis added):

**"determining whether** to provide information about the association of the first and second entities to a second device as directed by the first entity;

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<sup>1</sup> "A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987); also see MPEP §2131.

<sup>2</sup> See *In re Bond*, 910 F.2d 831, 15 USPQ2d 1566 (Fed. Cir. 1990).

in response to the determining, providing the information to a second device **without the second entity being logged in** to either the first or second device; and  
**facilitating access of the second entity to the second device based on the information."**

[0016] In contrast, in Baker:

- the management terminal does **not determine whether** to provide information about the association of the first and second entities to a user terminal;
- the management terminal provides access information to the user terminal while the user **is logged in** to the user terminal;
- since the user terminal is regarded, by the board and the Examiner, as a second device and the user is regarded as a second entity, Baker **does not disclose** facilitating access of the user (the second entity) to the user terminal (the second device) based on the information.

[0017] Consequently, Baker does not disclose all of the elements and features of this claim. Accordingly, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of this claim.

Independent Claims 12 and 37

[0018] Each of claims 12 and 37 includes at least one feature similar to the claimed features discussed above regarding claim 1. Thus, claims 12 and 37 are allowable over the cited reference for at least similar reasons as discussed above regarding claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of these claims.

Independent Claim 23

[0019] This claim includes at least one feature similar to the claimed features discussed above regarding claim 1. Thus, this claim is allowable over the cited reference for at least similar reasons as discussed above regarding claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of this claim.

[0020] In addition, this claim further recites (with emphasis added):

“the logic is configurable to be operatively connected to at least one external device and is further configured to selectively output the information within a **validation code** that identifies the first user and the second user, when the first user signs-in to the external device; and the **validation code facilitates the first user to review the information.**”

[0021] In contrast, Baker does not disclose a validation code that both identifies the first user and the second user and facilitates the first user to review the information. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of this claim.

Independent Claim 32

[0022] Claim 32 is amended to clarify claimed features. Applicant submits that Baker does not anticipate at least the following features as recited in this claim (with emphasis added):

“a **user profile** of the second entity with **consent** information designated by the first entity, wherein the **validation code facilitates the first entity to review the consent information** and the consent information facilitates the second entity to access a server.”

[0023] In contrast, in Baker:

- no user profile is disclosed;
- no consent information is disclosed which facilitates the second entity to access a server;
- no validation code is disclosed which facilitates the first entity to review the consent information.

[0024] Consequently, Baker does not disclose all of the elements and features of this claim. Accordingly, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of this claim.

### **Dependent Claims**


[0025] These claims ultimately depend upon independent claims 1, 12, 23, 32 and 37. As discussed above, claims 1, 12, 23, 32 and 37 are allowable. It is axiomatic that any dependent claim which depends from an allowable base claim is also allowable.

### **Conclusion**

[0026] All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the **Examiner is urged to contact me before issuing a subsequent Action**. Please call or email me or my assistant at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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